

(U. S. C., title 34, sec. 1137), except that for each case arising under the jurisdiction conferred by this Act there shall be at least one special commissioner who shall be a naval officer, active or retired, approved by the Secretary of the Navy, who shall receive no other compensation than his pay in the Navy, and who shall protect the interests of the Department of the Navy in the prize property. Said courts may confer on such special commissioners such additional powers and duties, to be performed abroad or in the United States, as they may deem necessary or proper for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Additional powers and duties.

SEC. 6. The district courts may adopt such rules to govern the exercise of the jurisdiction conferred by this Act as they may deem necessary or proper for carrying out the purposes thereof. All provisions of law relating to capture as prize or to the taking or appropriation of captures for the use of the United States, to the extent that such provisions are consistent with the provisions of this Act, shall be applicable in the exercise of the jurisdiction herein conferred.

Rules.

Application of existing provisions of law.

SEC. 7. A cobelligerent of the United States which consents to the exercise of the jurisdiction herein conferred with respect to prizes of the United States brought into its territorial waters and to the taking or appropriation of such prizes within its territorial waters for the use of the United States shall be accorded, upon proclamation by the President of the United States, like privileges with respect to prizes captured under authority of such cobelligerent and brought into the territorial waters of the United States or taken or appropriated in the territorial waters of the United States for the use of such cobelligerent. Reciprocal recognition and full faith and credit shall be given to the jurisdiction acquired by courts of a cobelligerent hereunder and to all proceedings had or judgments rendered in exercise of such jurisdiction.

Reciprocal privileges to cobelligerents.

SEC. 8. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to impair or diminish the jurisdiction of any court of the United States under any other provisions of law, but the provisions of this Act shall be in addition thereto.

Provisions deemed additional to existing law.

Approved, August 18, 1942.

[CHAPTER 554]

AN ACT

To amend section 107 of the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942.

August 20, 1942

[H. R. 7461]

[Public Law 708]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 107 of the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942 is amended by striking out the last sentence thereof which reads as follows: "Any allowances which accrue under this title for the period preceding November 1, 1942, shall not be actually paid until after November 1, 1942."

Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942, amendment.

Ante, p. 383.

Approved, August 20, 1942.

[CHAPTER 555]

AN ACT

To suspend temporarily the running of statutes of limitations applicable to certain offenses.

August 24, 1942

[H. R. 6484]

[Public Law 706]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the running of any existing statute of limitations applicable to offenses involving the defrauding or attempts to defraud the United States or any agency thereof, whether by conspiracy or not, and in any manner,

Frauds against U. S. Suspension of running of statutes of limitations.

and now indictable under any existing statutes, shall be suspended until June 30, 1945, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution, or the President, may designate. This Act shall apply to acts, offenses, or transactions where the existing statute of limitations has not yet fully run, but it shall not apply to acts, offenses, or transactions which are already barred by the provisions of existing laws.

Effective date.

Sec. 2. That this Act shall be in force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved, August 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 556]

JOINT RESOLUTION

September 3, 1942
[S. J. Res. 160]
[Public Law 707]

Providing for the acceptance of title to the Widener art collection of Philadelphia, and for other purposes.

Widener art collection.
Acceptance of title.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the faith of the United States is pledged that, upon acceptance for the Smithsonian Institution by the Trustees of the National Gallery of Art, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of March 24, 1937 (50 Stat. 51; U. S. C., title 20, secs. 71-75), of a collection of works of art as a gift effected by Joseph E. Widener, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the terms of the will of the late P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the United States will provide the National Gallery of Art with such funds as may be necessary for the payment of any taxes which may be levied as a result of the gift.

Payment of taxes.

Appropriation authorized.

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amount as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution.

Approved, September 3, 1942.

[CHAPTER 557]

AN ACT

September 3, 1942
[H. R. 6876]
[Public Law 708]

To authorize the incorporated town of Petersburg, Alaska, to undertake certain municipal public works, including the construction of a dam and improvements to the hydroelectric plant and system, improvements to the water system, and construction and equipment of a municipal hospital, and for such purposes to issue bonds in any sum not exceeding a total of \$125,000.

Petersburg, Alaska.
Construction of municipal public works.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the incorporated town of Petersburg, Territory of Alaska, is hereby authorized and empowered to undertake and construct the municipal works, improvements, and buildings hereinafter specified, to wit: Construction of a dam and improvements to the hydroelectric plant and system at a cost not exceeding \$50,000; improvements to the water system at a cost not exceeding \$35,000; construction and equipment of a municipal hospital at a cost not exceeding \$40,000; and for such purposes to issue bonds in any amount not exceeding the aggregate of \$125,000, the same to be in excess of the present statutory debt limit of the town of Petersburg, as provided by the Act entitled "An Act to authorize municipal corporations in the Territory of Alaska to incur bonded indebtedness, and for other purposes", approved May 28, 1936 (49 Stat. 1388): *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed as to prevent or preclude the said town from incurring other indebtedness up to but not beyond the limits prescribed by the aforesaid Act of May 28, 1936, without regard to the bonded indebtedness herein authorized.

Issuance of bonds.

48 U. S. C. §§ 44a-44c.
Proviso.
Other indebtedness.